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1. Congressman Wigglesworth will be unable to attend the luncheon on 11 January as a delegation from Massachusetts will be with him all day.

2. I talked with Cong. George Mahon regarding the reports which we have received that Cong. Albert Thomas had been critical of certain aspects of CIA, and I told the Congressman that we would like some guidance as to how this matter should be handled. He stated that he did not feel we should approach Cong. Thomas directly at this time and that he would not mention to the Congressman the fact that I had spoken to Cong. Mahon about the matter. However, he said he would in the near future make it a point to give Mr. Thomas an opportunity to mention CIA to him and if Mr. Thomas was critical he would either handle it himself or advise us as to appropriate steps.

3. A reliable Congressional staff source has informed me that the McCarthy Committee has a considerable adverse interest in CIA. The source states that within the last two weeks he has seen files more than an inch thick classified Secret and Top Secret, which source was informed and states categorically have come from the CIA files. Some of these papers were typewritten and some were photostats. Source states that to the best of his information this material has been furnished to the McCarthy Committee by persons friendly to the Committee within CIA. Source was unable to identify any of the documents, and presumably was not allowed to leaf through them. Source also stated that [redacted] was a major target of the McCarthy Committee and that [redacted] was supposed to have a major control over at least some of CIA's activities. (cc - Director of Security).

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